

**What is an occupational license?**

An occupational license is a restricted license that allows a person to drive to and from work, school, church, and driver safety plan.

An occupational license may not be used for recreational purposes.

**Who qualifies for an occupational license?**

A person whose license is suspended or revoked may qualify for an occupational license unless he or she was previously suspended or revoked within the preceding 12 months. A waiting period is usually required. Depending upon the offense, the waiting period can be 15 days to two years. Some offenses allow the person to get an occupational license immediately.

A commercial driver whose license is suspended or revoked for offenses committed in a non-commercial vehicle may get a CDL occupational to drive commercial vehicles. However, a commercial driver who is disqualified from holding a commercial driver license, cannot get a CDL occupational.

**How are they issued?**

A person applies for an occupational license at a DMV Service Center, excluding DMV Express offices. Individuals revoked as a habitual traffic offender must petition the circuit court in their county of residence. The judge of the court may order DMV to issue an occupational license if the person's livelihood depends on driving.

A \$40 application fee is required for every application, including those that change the restrictions on an occupational license.

**What other requirements apply?**

A driver must prove financial responsibility. This proof is usually in the form of an SR22 insurance certificate. Other methods of proof include bond or cash deposited with the DMV. Commercial drivers can list LC, MC, or IC authority numbers.

**What restrictions apply?**

Occupational licenses restrict a person to driving no more than 12 hours per day/60 hours per week. The approved hours, vehicles, routes of travel and reasons for driving are specified on the license.

**How long is an occupational license valid?**

An occupational license is valid from the date it is issued through the second working day after the last day of the suspension/revocation.

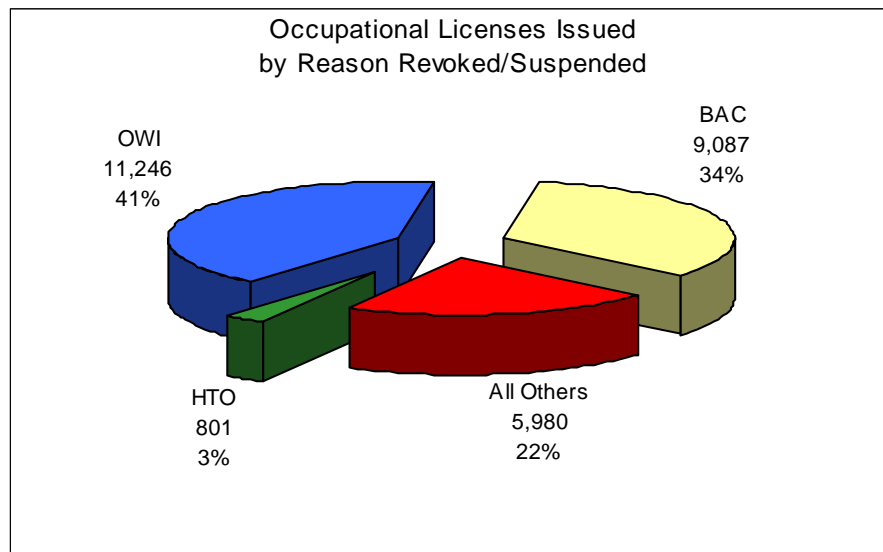
**How to check eligibility?**

You can check to see if you are eligible for an occupational license by calling DMV's automated telephone system at 608-261-0368.

**For more information contact:**

Bureau of Driver Services  
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Visit the WisDOT Website at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/revoke/occllc.htm>.



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\*Total includes Original, Duplicate, Reissued and Reinstated occupational licenses.

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